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IN AND OUT OF BOOKS

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AT the moment the only means by which American bookbuyers can sample the speculative brew Europeans find so titillating is a volume called "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy," by Joachim Joesten, published in mid-June by the small New York firm of Marzani & Munsell. This seizes on discrepancies and omissions in the published accounts to "prove" that Oswald was "completely innocent" of the crime and argues that Oswald, a "discarded agent of the C.I.A. and later of the F.B.I." was made the scapegoat of a "powerful conspiratorial group" whose involvement the F.B.I. has in effect covered up. The names of a retired general and a Dallas oil millionaire are mentioned frequently, always surrounded by "ifs" and qualifications.

Joesten is a German-born journalist who's been in the country since the war. His publishers report they've sold 5,000 copies so far, with a spurt of sales recently when Joesten appeared on radio and TV shows.